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BARRY GRAY SUGGESTS A REORGANIZATION OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

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Barry Gray Show, at 11:05 P.M. over WMCA (N.Y.):

Guests: John J. Lemula, Republican, assistant to the Speaker of the Assembly of New York State, former Assemblyman of New York; Eugene Sugarman, attorney, Democratic candidate for Congress from 27th District of the Bronx, co-chairman of the Discrimination Committee of the National Civil Rights Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith; Daniel S. Weiss, Democratic Councilman, of Manhattan.

GRAY: "What good is an agreement that one of the parties doesn't intend to live up to? In short, what good a mutual security pact with the Japanese if the overwhelming numbers of the population find it a bad agreement, an unpopular agreement?"

LEMULA: "Oh, wait a minute. Wait a minute, Barry. Whoa, wait, Barry. You're being carried away, I'm afraid by the riots. This doesn't represent the majority sentiment in Japan. If it does, then all of our intelligence reports are completely misinformed."

GRAY: "Well, that would not be the first time. Mr. Lemula."

LEMULA: "Quite so. But this is a synthetic thing. You read the report or heard the report of how much these men were paid per day, a dollar and a quarter a day, in order to go out and riot, and one of them complained that it wasn't enough for board and lodging. These people were paid."

GRAY: "Well, let me ask you this, then. Would you be prepared to change your position in viewing this pact as a necessary thing, which I agree with you on; I certainly agree that it's necessary. But would you change your position if after the Kishi government resigned a government is installed that is anti the U.S.-Japan mutual security pact? Would that not now prove that the majority of the population find it a bad agreement?"

LEMULA: "I don't know about that, Barry. I'd rather have you invite me back after the new elections in Japan so that we might reassess it. I personally don't think that their policy would change with the new government. I think their policy will be the same. I don't think that the small minority which caused the riots in Japan expresses the will of the people of Japan at all."

GRAY: "It's a very difficult thing for us to analyze at this point. John Lemula has raised the word 'intelligence'. I am frank to say that this has become kind of a funny word these last few weeks. And the word 'intelligence' has kind of haunted us since Pearl Harbor. We have regularly been wrong in the crises. We were wrong on Fidel Castro. We--beginning with Pearl Harbor, we have been wrong so many times, and obviously we were wrong even with the beginning of sending Hagerty into Japan, which was a tremendous slap in the face for us. I am not a Hagerty fan, but certainly the sight of our press secretary being lifted out of Japan by helicopter is a tawdry picture to be presented to the world about America. It's unfortunate."